

# **“LETTING YOU KNOW”**

*The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.*

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## **PROMPT PAYMENT ACT:**

Section 7 of the Prompt Payment Act has been amended and will become effective January 1, 2006. The law states that if for any reason a prime contractor fails to pay subcontractors or material suppliers without reasonable cause within 15 days of being paid, the subcontractor or material supplier may file a written notice with the department. The department will have 15 days from receipt of the notice to hold a hearing convened by an administrative law judge to determine whether the prime contractor withheld payment without reasonable cause. Failure to make payment within 15 days after the administrative law judge's finding will result in the prime contractor being barred from entering into a state public construction contract for a period of one year. The amendment also states that the department shall make available electronically the voucher number, date of voucher and amount of voucher. Subcontractors and material suppliers may view this information on IDOT's web site at: <http://www.dot.il.gov/wcp/cpaysearch.asp>. The voucher information can be found at the bottom of the contractor invoice.

## **REINFORCING BARS REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE WITH THE NOVEMBER 2005 LETTING:**

Starting with the November 2005 letting, epoxy-coated and uncoated reinforcing bars are required to conform to ASTM A 706. Currently specified reinforcing bars have virtually no controls on their composition and have presented bending problems in the past. Reinforcing bars in accordance with ASTM A 706 are widely used in many states due to their controlled composition, weldability, and ductility. We have been in contact with current suppliers over the past year and have been assured of production capability of A 706 rebars.

All of our certified producers are approved for production of A 706. An approved list of certified producers can be found on our web link: <http://www.dot.il.gov/materials/materialslist.html> or by navigating to the "Approved List for Materials" under "Doing Business" on the IDOT web site. In addition, we have notified the major steel service centers in Illinois that orders of A 706 bars may require a modest inventory on their part.



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**INSURANCE:**

Prime contractors are required to obtain and keep in force insurance coverages as stated in Article 107.27 of the *Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction*. A report is generated the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, and letters are sent to each contractor whose general liability, auto, workmens' compensation and/or umbrella insurance is expiring by the first of the next month. It is the contractor's responsibility to have the renewal in place and maintain all required insurance coverages. If a contractor does not have an approved renewal in place by 4:30 p.m. on the date of expiration, they will not be allowed to work the following day.

Initial and renewal approval is the responsibility of the Plans and Contracts office. They may be reached at (217) 782-7806.

The districts receive weekly and monthly reports indicating which contractors have insurance expiring. It is imperative that all insurance is kept current on all projects.

Please be aware of your insurance expiration dates, and submit the renewals in a timely manner.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.

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